Limited companies wound up in the last three years.

94 * **Mr. J. John Kattakayam**: Will the Government be pleased to state the number of life insurance companies and other limited companies that have been wound up within the last three years?

Mr. E. I. Mathew:

	Number wound up		
	1108	*1109*	*1110*
(1) Life Insurance Companies ...	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
(2) Other Limited Companies ...	7	20	9

Measures to prevent plague.

95 * **Mr. J. John Kattakayam**: Will the Government be pleased to state the measures taken for preventing the spread of plague from Cochin to Travancore?

Mr. T. C. Thomman: The following preventive measures were adopted on the outbreak of plague in Ernakulam during August 1935 :—

(i) A plague observation station was opened at Edappalli and a Sub-Assistant Surgeon and a Warder were appointed in that station for the observation of passengers and the disinfection of their personal effects, under the supervision of the Tahsildar, Parur.

(ii) A systematic rat destruction was carried on in the Municipalities of Kottayam, Changanacherry, Alleppey, Vaikam, Alwaye and Parur.

(iii) The Tahsildars of the taluks of Kottayam, Changanacherry, Ambalapuzha, Shertalai, Vaikam, Kunnatnad and Parur were directed to see that the merchants of their jurisdiction did not buy grains and other provisions from Ernakulam.

Legal provisions requiring the accused to stand.

96 * **Mr. J. John Kattakayam**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any law to the effect that the accused in each and every case should stand?

Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai: (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): No.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether there is a rule that the accused should stand during his trial?

Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai: Yes. There is such a rule.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether the witnesses are given seats?

Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai: No, not as a rule.

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